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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, NIPDC

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO HEAD OF  
STATE

1. PLEASE RELAY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT  
CARTER TO THE HEAD OF STATE.

2. QTE. AS I BEGIN MY DUTIES AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
STATES, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT MY ADMINISTRATION WILL JOIN  
ALL FRIENDS OF AFRICA TO HELP ACHIEVE REAL INDEPENDENCE AND  
FURTHER ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS FOR ALL PEOPLES OF  
THAT CONTINENT. I RECOGNIZE THAT NIGERIA HAS A SPECIAL ROLE  
TO PLAY, JUSTIFIED NOT ONLY BY HER SIZE AND ECONOMIC IMPOR-  
TANCE, BUT ALSO THROUGH THE SPECIAL DEDICATION OF HER  
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LEADERS TO THE IDEALS OF FREEDOM, SELF-DETERMINATION,  
EQUAL RIGHTS, AND DEVELOPMENT. NIGERIA'S EFFORTS TO  
ACHIEVE THESE ENDS AT HOME AND ABROAD ARE WIDELY KNOWN AND  
RESPECTED.

3. QTE. AS A MATTER OF IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, I WANT TO  
ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES REMAINS DEEPLY CON-

CERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA. MY ADMINISTRATION WILL CARRY ON THE EFFORTS ALREADY BEGUN TO BRING ABOUT PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE REGION. IN THE FUTURE WE WILL USE OUR INFLUENCE AND GOOD OFFICES WHEREVER THEY MAY BE BEST APPLIED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL.

4. QTE THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT ASSUME THAT THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WILL BE AN EASY ONE. DESPITE THESE DIFFICULTIES, WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO GIVE DIPLOMACY EVERY CHANCE TO WORK.

5. QTE I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU SEPARATELY TO CONSULT ON FUTURE STEPS WE MIGHT TAKE, AND WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE SOLUTIONS FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA'S DIFFICULT PROBLEMS. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. UNQTE  
VANCE

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